

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION REPORT

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SUBJECT: FISHER CALO/FIRST ROAD DRUMS, KINGSBURY, IN

POLREP: POLREP 1

SITE NO: ON

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RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA NPL STATUS: ON THE NPL STATE NOTIFICATION: IDEM

TIME PERIOD: DECEMBER 14, 1992 TO JANUARY 5, 1993

SITUATION

Fisher Calo (FC) is located on a 500-acre lot in the Kingsbury Industrial Development Park. This industrial park is a former military ordnance facility, which now houses commercial and industrial plants. The facility formerly accepted spent solvents and metal finishing wastes for recycling. The recycling process generated a still-bottom waste containing an organic and metal sludge which was stored in 55-gallon drums. A fire consumed approximately 20,000 drums of this waste in 1978, prompting the Indiana State Board of Health (ISBH) to examine the facility's waste storage and handling practices. As a result of investigations by the ISBH and the U.S. EPA, the facility lost its RCRA interim status.

Three previous removals have taken place between the years 1989 and 1992: 1) FC drum and tank, 2) FC New Plant Life, and 3) FC cylinders.

Today the site is divided into two areas. One area is on First-Line Road (250 acres) and the other is on Second-Line Road (250 acres). A small collection of partially filled and empty, abandoned drums were left on the First-Line (Fisher Trust property-3.2 acres) property next to the Blue Building which also contained leaking drums and scattered debris. There were also large, abandoned bottles containing an unknown liquid and scattered empty drums located just north of the Fisher Trust property next to New Products Division.

RESPONSE INFORMATION

During the week of December 14-18, 1992, the PRP contractor, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, Inc. (CRA)/Canonie Environmental, crushed, decontaminated, and disposed of approximately 30 drums. A total of 60 85-gallon overpacks and 3 55-gallon full drums were prepared and staged in a storage building (Building #1) on Two-Line Road. Soil samples were collected in the areas where the drums were abandoned and found not to contain any hazardous substances.

During the week of December 28-31, 1992, the Blue Building was cleaned of debris and all of the drums within (19 85-gallon overpacks and 10 55-gallon drums) were staged on visqueen and secured inside with an orange snow-fence.

On January 5, 1993, CRA/Canonie Environmental fenced off the partially filled and empty bottles of liquid with a pH between 1-2 located just north of the First-Line property.

All work designated in the November 2, 1992 CRA/Canonie work plan was accomplished.

FUTURE ACTIONS

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The drums in Building #1 (on 2-Line Road) and in the Blue Building (on 1-Line Road) will be sampled and categorized according to wastestreams for later disposal during the Remedial Action.

The large, empty storage tanks located on the Fisher Trust property will be disposed of during the Remedial Action.